

## MEMORIAL

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

The memorial of the undersigned, delegates of the citizens of Northern Oregon in Convention assembled, respectfully represent in your honorable bodies that it is the earnest desire of your petitioners and of said citizens that all that portion of Oregon Territory lying north of the Columbia river and west of the great northern branch thereof should be organized as a separate Territory, under the name and style of the "Territory of Columbia."

In support of the prayer of this memorial, your petitioners would respectfully urge the following among many other reasons:

1. The present Territory of Oregon, containing an area of 341,000 square miles, is entirely too large an extent of territory to be embraced within the limits of one State.

2. The said Territory possesses a sea coast of 650 square miles in extent; the country east of the Cascade mountains is bound to that on the coast by the strongest ties of interest-and inasmuch as your petitioners believe that the Territory must inevitably be divided at no very distant day, they are of opinion that it would be unjust that one State should possess so large a sea board to the exclusion of that in the interior.

3. The territory embraced within the said boundaries of the proposed "Territory of Columbia," containing an area of about 32,000 square miles, is, in the opinion of our petitioners, about a fair and just medium of territorial extent to form one State.

4. The proposed "Territory of Columbia" presents natural resources capable of supporting a population at least as large as that of any state in the Union possessing an equal extent of territory.

5. Those portions of Oregon Territory lying respectively north and south of the Columbia river, must, from their geographical position, always rival each other in commercial advantages, and their respective citizens must, as they now are and always have been, be actuated by a spirit of opposition.

6. The southern part of Oregon Territory, having a majority of voters, have controlled the Territorial Legislature, and northern Oregon has never received say benefit from the appropriations made by Congress for said Territory which were subject to the disposition of said Legislature.

7. The seat of the Territorial Legislature is now situated, by the nearest practicable route, at a distance of 500 miles from a large portion of the citizens of Northern Oregon.

8. A great part of the legislation suitable to the south is, for local reasons, opposed to the interests of the north, and inasmuch as the south has a majority of voters, and representatives are always bound to reflect the will of their constituents, your petitioners can entertain no reasonable hopes that their legislative wants will ever be properly regarded under the present organization.

9. Experience has, in the opinion of your petitioners, well established the principle, that in States having a moderate sized territory, the wants of the people are more easily made known to their representatives, there is less danger of a conflict between **sictional** interests, and more prompt and adequate legislation can always be obtained.

In conclusion, your petitioners would respectfully represent that Northern Oregon, with its natural resources, presenting such unparalleled inducements to emigrants, and with its present large population, constantly and rapidly increasing by immigration, is of sufficient importance, in a national point of view, to merit the fostering care of Congress; and its interests are so numerous and so entirely distinct in their separate and independent Legislature.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable bodies will, at an early day, pass a law organizing the district of the country before described under a Territorial Government to be named the "Territory of Columbia."

Done in Convention assembled at the town of Monticello, Oregon Territory, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D. 1852

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